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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	19	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	4	= 0	X \$84	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$280	\$ 0
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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 10 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A replaceable ink container for providing ink to an inkjet printing system, the inkjet printing system having a receiving station for receiving the replaceable ink container, the receiving station having a fluid inlet and a sealing structure, the replaceable ink container comprising:

a reservoir defining a fluid outlet and a sealing surface configured for engaging the sealing structure proximate the fluid outlet; and

a sealing material contained within the reservoir for wetting the sealing surface, the sealing material including solid particles held in a suspension, solidification of the solid particles between the sealing surface and the sealing structure acting to seal defects between the sealing surface and the sealing structure.

2. The replaceable ink container of claim 1 wherein the solid particles are pigment particles.

3. The replaceable ink container of claim 1 wherein the solid particles are carbon black particles.

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